Welcome to New IARP Board Member Dr. Azar Maluki

IARP is delighted to welcome Dr. Azar Maluki to our board of directors. Dr. Azar has been an active volunteer and committee member of IARP, and brings a wealth of experience to our board.

Dr. Azar Maluki MD, was born in Najaf, Iraq. He is a board-certified dermatologist, and was a consultant physician and professor at the University of Kufa, Iraq. He is married to Shaymaa Jakjook (M.Sc., Geography) and has two sons and one daughter. Azar first visited Minneapolis in 2011 and 2013 with a delegation of Iraqi health professionals as part of the exchange visits between Najaf and Minneapolis organized by the Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project. He arrived in Minneapolis with his family in 2015 and joined the Dermatology Imaging Center in the Department of Dermatology at the UMN-Twin Cities Campus as a Research Fellow. Dr. Maluki has directed one short documentary film as part of the Iraqi Voices project.
Books For Mosul Update

IARP would like to thank our friends and supporters who throughout our campaign have donated over $11,000 to the shipping and handling costs for Books for Mosul. This week, we received a large pallet of books from Harvard University Law School. Once these books are processed, our shipment should leave for Mosul soon after!

We still need almost $4,000 to reach our fundraising goal for the shipment. Please consider making a donation today to help us reach our goal!

Donate to Books for Mosul
IARP’s Annual Potluck Picnic at the Commons Park

We were delighted to see over 90 Iraqi and non-Iraqi community members at IARP’s Annual Potluck and Picnic on July 14 at The Commons Park. Although the weather was initially quite warm, the evening turned out to be a great celebration of friends, food, and community with Iraqi dancing and a special birthday message to one of our Iraqi friend’s daughter in Iraq. You can see more photos from our picnic [here]. Thanks to everyone who joined us for this special event!
Sister Cities Day 2018

On July 22, IARP volunteers and board members tabled a booth at the Nicollet Pavilion for Minneapolis’s annual “Sister Cities Day.” Over 700 people came through the pavilion for the event to learn more about the peoples and cultures of Minneapolis’s Sister Cities, including the Iraqi city of Najaf. We are grateful for our community members who came out to celebrate and support the day!

IARP wishes our Muslim friends and family a blessed holiday this Eid al-Adha
Next Critical Creative Monthly Meet-up

September Critical Creative Bimonthly Meet-up

The next “Critical Creative Meet-up”, a series co-hosted by IARP, will be held on Thursday September 13 at 7 pm on the topic “Equity in Our Communities”. Critical Creative is calling all Arab American, Muslim, East African, West African, West Asian and other creatives looking to connect with peers. These informal meetups are for people interested in gathering to build community and supporting one another during this challenging political time. Though not exclusive, this is a space for folks from the local Arab, East African, West Africa and Muslim communities and the larger West Asian and Middle East, North Africa (MENA) regions to connect with others and build cross-collaborations. This is a place to get to know the organizations and resources that exist in our community. All are welcome.

For more information and event location, please contact jessy@reconciliationproject.org

Accepting applications for IARP’s Development and Communications Internship

Do you know, or are you a current college or university student interested in learning more about the nonprofit sector? Please consider applying for our Development and Communications Internship this fall! The Development and Communications Intern will be given significant responsibility and opportunity to build IARP’s fundraising and communications strategies. You can find more information and an application on our website here.
Thank you to IARP’s Summer Interns!

We would like to give special recognition to our three summer interns who recently completely their internships with IARP. Thanks to Ellen, Gita, and Aberdeen for their great contributions to our summer events and Books for Mosul project!

- **Ellen Janda** is a senior at Macalester College with a double major in Political Science and International Studies. She recently studied abroad in Belgrade, Serbia before starting with IARP.
- **Gita Misra** is a senior at the University of Minnesota Global Studies department with a focus on human rights and justice in the Middle East. She studied abroad in Amman, Jordan and hopes to return to the region some day.
- **Aberdeen McEvers** is a senior at Macalester College this fall with a major in International Studies and Anthropology and a concentration in Human Rights and Humanitarianism. She also studied abroad in Belgrade, Serbia last year.

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